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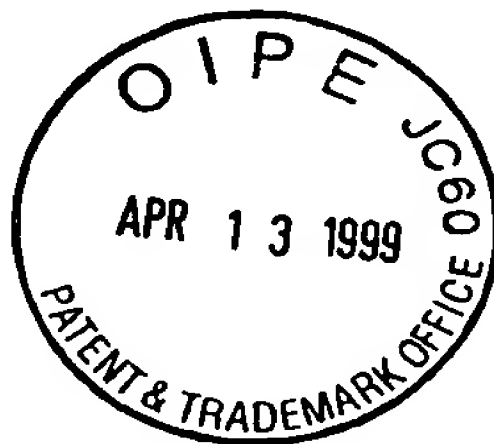
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Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 20263/256628 and proceed to consider this IDS.

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